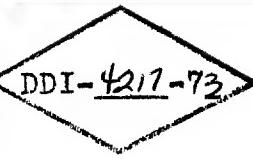


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The Honorable Roy Ash  
Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Roy:

Following our conversation of 17 August, I inquired into the extent of CIA participation in Law of the Sea negotiations.

The Agency has participated formally in interagency efforts pertaining to Law of the Sea negotiations since May 1970 when a CIA officer became a member of the Interagency Law of the Sea Task Force Working Group. We also took part in the preparation of the 1971 study on US Ocean Policy done in response to NSSM 125. We are currently involved in the Interagency Task Force Working Group, and in the preparation of a Law of the Sea Economic Review for the NSC Under Secretaries Committee.

Over the past three years, the Agency has produced selected intelligence memoranda, several items in our periodic publications, and some [redacted] reports in support of or related to Law of the Sea negotiations. 25X1B

I anticipate that continued Agency support will be required on a variety of Law of the Sea and related topics.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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